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SUBJ: CUBANS ANNOUNCE TAKING OF JIJIGA

1. GRANMA, MARCH 6, IN A FORMAT WE HAVE NEVER PREVIOUSLY SEEN, CARRIES LARGE FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE "JIJIGA LIBERATED - RESONANT ETHIOPIAN VICTORY." ARTICLE STATES THAT ETHIOPIAN TROOPS, IN RAPID ADVANCE, CAPTURED CITY OF JIJIGA, MORNING OF MARCH 5. GRANMA NOTES THAT JIJIGA IS ON OTHER SIDE OF NARDA PASS WHICH IS CONSIDERED "KEY TO OGADEN."

2. COMMENT: SENIOR CUBAN OFFICIALS HAVE GIVEN US TO UNDERSTAND THAT THRUST TO SOMALI BORDER WILL TAKE PLACE IN STAGES OVER NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, NOT IN ONE SINGLE ATTACK. IF THIS IS TRUE, WHICH IS UNCERTAIN, CEASEFIRE COUPLED WITH SOMALI WITHDRAWAL CONTINUES TO BE OPTION DURING COMING DAYS. CONSIDERING MAJOR JIJIGA SUCCESS, HOWEVER, WE CONSIDER IT EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT CUBANS WILL ENCOURAGE ANY FURTHER ETHIOPIAN POLITICAL GESTURES OF ANY TYPE (FOR EXAMPLE, COMMITMENT TO LATER NEGOTIATION OF OGADEN AUTONOMY, POSSIBLE FUTURE SOVIET/CUBAN WITHDRAWALS) UNTIL SOMALI TROOPS ARE OUTSIDE ETHIOPIA AND SOMALI LEADERSHIP AGREES NOT TO VIOLATE TERRITORIAL
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